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SUBJECT: DRC MEETING OCTOBER 15: MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE

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BEGIN SUMMARY: DURING OCTOBER 15 DRC MEETING: A) FRT TABLED RESOURCE GUIDANCE OPTION BASED IN PART ON PER-CAPITA DEFENSE EXPENDITURES; B) MOST MEMBERS SUPPORTED SUBSTANCE OF IS DRAFT ON WARNING OF WAR WITH REVISIONS NECESSARY TO REFLECT U.S. EMPHASIS ON IMPROVED USE OF WARNING TIME; AND C) ITALIAN REP CITED TEN "KEY ELEMENTS" EMERGING FROM US DISCUSSION PAPER. DRC DEFERRED APPROVAL OF US REQUEST TO REVISE DECISION SHEET FROM SEPTEMBER 26 MEETING. CHAIRMAN SCHEDULED
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NEXT DRC MEETING FOR OCTOBER 22 TO DISCUSS DURATION OF HOSTILITIES AND ADDITIONAL KEY ELEMENTS. END SUMMARY.

1. DECISION SHEET. PRIOR TO MEETING, US DEFENSE ADVISOR LEGERE

SENT LETTER TO DRC CHAIRMAN HUMPHREYS (WITH COPY FOR DRC MEMBERS) SUGGESTING REVISIONS TO PORTION OF DECISION SHEET FOR SEPTEMBER 26 MEETING PERTAINING TO US REP'S COMMENTS (PARA II-2-(B), DRC/DS(74)24.) SEVERAL DRC REPS SAID THEY HAD NOT READ IN DETAIL US REVISIONS, HENCE CHAIRMAN DEFERRED APPROVAL OF DS(74)24 UNTIL NEXT MEETING. US PROPOSED REVISIONS FOLLOW: BEGIN QUOTE:

(B) NOTED A STATEMENT BY THE UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE THAT HIS AUTHORITIES CONSIDERED THAT TWO FURTHER "KEY ELEMENTS" FOR PRESENTATION TO MINISTERS AT THEIR NEXT MEETING SHOULD BE: A) "THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN RESOURCES AND STRATEGY" AND B) "INCREASED EFFICIENCY THROUGH RATIONALIZATION OF FORCES, STANDARDIZATION, FLEXIBILITY, IMPROVED COMMON PROGRAMS, AND RESTRUCTURING OF FORCES". REGARDING THE FIRST ELEMENT, THE UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE SAID THAT A CONVENTIONAL BALANCE WITH THE WARSAW PACT CAN BE ATTAINED AND MAINTAINED IF WE CONTINUE TO EMPHASIZE IMPROVING NATO'S CONVENTIONAL CAPABILITY, TAKE ACCOUNT OF ALL FORCES REASONABLY EXPECTED TO BE AVAILABLE, CAREFULLY SELECT AND APPLY PRIORITIES, AND USE FORCES FLEXIBLY. REGARDING THE SECOND ELEMENT, THE UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE SUGGESTED THAT THE DRC SHOULD ENDORSE MAJOR EFFICIENCY INITIATIVES NOW UNDERWAY, AND SHOULD BRING THEM TO MINISTERIAL ATTENTION THROUGH THE VEHICLE OF MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE.

(B BIS) AGREED TO A US REQUEST THAT THE IS MAINTAIN A RUNNING ACCOUNT OF "KEY ELEMENTS" FOR MINISTERIAL CONSIDERATION, INCLUDING ALTERNATIVE FORMULATIONS, WHICH ARE BROUGHT OUT DURING COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS. END QUOTE.

2. RESOURCE GUIDANCE. FRG REP (SCHUNEMANN) ASKED IF PURPOSE OF DRC DISCUSSION WAS TO DEVELOP ALTERNATIVE PROPOSALS ON RESOURCE GUIDANCE FOR PRESENTATION IN QUOTE SHOPPING LIST FROM END QUOTE TO MINISTERS IN DECEMBER. HUMPHREYS ANSWERED AFFIRMATIVELY.

3. NETHERLANDS REP (CARSTEN) SAID HIS AUTHORITIES PREFERRED US SECRET

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PROPOSAL BASED ON ANNUAL REAL INCREASES IN DEFENSE SPENDING RATHER THAN IS PROPOSAL BASED ON PREFERRED PERCENTAGES OF GNP FOR DEFENSE.

4. NORWEGIAN REP (LEINE) SAID HIS PARLIMENT HAD REJECTED GNP PERCENTAGE ALTERNATIVE AS A PLANNING VEHICLE TEN YEARS AGO AND SINCE THAT TIME HAS SOUGHT TO: A) MAINTAIN AT LEAST EXISTING FORCE LEVELS, B) PROVIDE SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS TO COVER INFLATIONARY INCREASES IN OPERATIONAL COSTS AND C) DETERMINE INVESTMENT/ CAPITAL EXPENDITURES ON AD HOC BASIS DEPENDING UPON ANNUAL EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS. LEINE DOUBTED THAT NORWAY'S PLANNED AIRCRAFT REPLACEMENT PROGRAM WOULD FIT WITHIN US-PROPOSED 3 PERCENT REAL INCREASE AND SAID SUCH LARGE PROGRAMS REQUIRED AD HOC DECISIONS.

5. FRG REP SAID PERCENTAGE OF GNP DEVOTED TO DEFENSE FAILED, IN CASE OF FRG, TO REPRESENT TRUE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DEFENSE EXPENDITURES AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ALLIANCE AND OFFERED FOLLOWING REVISION TO IS PROPOSAL FOR COUNTRIES DEVOTING LESS THAN 4.2 PERCENT OF THEIR GNP TO DEFENSE (PARA 37, REF A):

BEGIN TEXT:

37 (B) COUNTRIES WHICH DEVOTE A SMALLER PORTION OF GNP TO DEFENCE TRY TO REACH PROGRESSIVELY EITHER A SHARE OF 4.22 PERCENT OR TO SPEND FOR DEFENCE AN AMOUNT PER CAPITA OF THE POPULATION WHICH WILL NOT BE BELOW 200 US \$, RELATED TO 1974 VALUES.

END TEXT. US REP (DR. LEGERE) ASKED WHETHER FRG PROPOSAL WOULD RETAIN PRESENT DEFENSE SPENDING LEVELS FOR THOSE ALLIES CURRENTLY ABOVE 4.2 PERCENT OF GNP; FRG REP RESPONDED AFFIRMATIVELY. NORWEGIAN REP ASKED HOW FRG PROPOSAL WOULD DEAL WITH COUNTRIES WHO INCREASED DEFENSE BUDGETS BY 3 PERCENT BASED ON PROJECTED SIMILAR GROWTHS FOR GNP AND LATER FOUND THEY HAD UNDERESTIMATED GROWTH IN GNP. HE EMPHASIZED THAT GNP PROJECTIONS WERE TENOUS BASES FOR PLANNING DEENSE EXPENDITURES. FRG REP SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW BUT THAT FRG PROPOSAL RECOGNIZED NEED FOR A QUOTE STEP-BY-STEP INCREASE END QUOTE BY THOSE ALLIES SUBSTANTIALY BELOW PREFERRED DEFENSE SPENDING LEVELS. APPARENTLY REFERRING TO US PROPOSAL, FRG REP SAID ECONOMIC COMMITTEE HAS NOT YET DETERMINED HOW TO CALCUALTE DEFLATION FACTORS.

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6. BELGIAN REP (TAYMANS) SAID HIS AUTHORITIES FOUND US PROPOSALS ON RESOURCES QUOTE INTERESTING END QUOTE AND PARTICULARLY SUPPORTED US PROPOSALS THAT COUNTRIES STRIVE TO CONTINUE SAME LEVEL OF INCREASES AS THEY MADE DURING 1970-73 (PARA 31, REF B) AND DEVOTE THESE INCREASES TO MAJOR EQUIPMENT AND AMMUNITION (PARA 39 REF B). TAYMANS SAID HIS AUTHORITIES SAW NO INCOMPATIBILITY BETWEEN IS PROPOSAL FOR ALLIES TO REACH 4.22 PERCENT DEFENSE/GNP RATIOS BY 1982 AND US PROPOSAL FOR ANNUAL 3-5 PERCENT REAL INCREASES IN DEFENSE SPENDING.

7. ECONOMIC DIRECTORATE REP (DEBUNNE) SAID IS BASED ITS PROPOSAL ON DRAFT ECONOMIC APPRECIATION (AC/127-WP/407) WHICH STILL LACKED US COMMENTS. HE SAID US HAD PROMISED SUBSTANTIAL COMMENTS ON DRAFT DURING OCTOBER 3 MEETING OF ECONOMIC COMMITTEE (EC); US HAD NOT YET PROVIDED THESE COMMENTS; AND WHEN US FURNISHED COMMENTS, EC WILL HOLD SPECIAL MEETING TO CONSIDER IMPACT ON ECONOMIC APPRECIATION, (REF C).

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8. ITALIAN REP (MACCHIAVELLI) SAID HIS AUTHORITIES AGREED, FOR TIME BEING, WITH US APPROACH BUT BELIEVED MINISTERS SHOULD DETERMINE PREFERRED PERCENTAGES FOR REAL DEFENSE SPENDING INCREASES ON BASIS OF SPECIFIC COUNTRY CAPABILITIES. DANISH REP (ROSENTHAL) SAID HIS AUTHORITIES HAD NOT REPEAT NOT DECIDED WHICH ALTERNATIVE THEY SUPPORTED.

9. HUMPHREYS REFERRED TO WASHINGTON BRIEFING HE HAD RECEIVED DURING TRILATERAL VISIT WHICH DESCRIBED NEW BUDGET SYSTEM US HOPED TO INTRODUCE, SAID THE SYSTEM SEEMED TO INCLUDE A USEFUL METHOD FOR DEALING WITH EFFECTS OF INFLATION ON DEFENSE SPENDING, AND SUGGESTED US REP ARRANGE BRIEFING ON SYSTEM (WHEN FINALIZED) FOR APPROPRIATE NATO FORA. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON CONSIDERATION OF AND GUIDANCE CONCERNING POSSIBLE PRESENTATION ON THIS SUBJECT.

10. DURING SUMMARY OF RESOURCES DISCUSSION, HUMPHREYS SAID DRC NOW HAD THREE FORMULAS (US PROPOSAL, IS PROPOSAL, AND EXISTING SYSTEM WHICH HAD PROVED INADEQUATE) WITH SUGGESTED VARIATIONS TO EACH. HE SAID IS COULD DRAFT SUMMARY OF THESE PROPOSALS PRIOR TO
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NEXT MEETING.

11. WARNING OF WAR. CHAIRMAN INTRODUCED SUBJECT, ASKED WHEN PARAGRAPH 22 OF US PAPER WILL BE FURNISHED, AND REQUESTED COMMENTS. LEGERE ADVISED THAT PARAGRAPH 22 LANGUAGE WILL BE AVAILABLE IN 10 TO 14 DAYS,

THEN OPENED DISCUSSION WITH REVIEW OF ISSUE, EXPRESSING STRONG SUPPORT FOR MC-161 CONCLUSIONS ON WARNING TIME, WHICH HE BRIEFLY REVIEWED; CONCLUDING THAT WARNING STARTS WHEN PACT PREPARATIONS BEGIN; WARNING IS CUMULATIVE; AND NOTING THAT THERE IS ALWAYS

SOME WARNING TIME. LEGERE LAID HEAVY EMPHASIS ON USE OF WARNING TIME, STATING ASSESSMENT OF INTELLIGENCE AND DECISION-MAKING ON COUNTERMOVES GO ON CONCURRENTLY, WHETHER SUCH DECISIONS ARE MADE BY NATIONS OR IN NATO FORA. IN SUMMARIZING, HE REVIEWED USEFULNESS OF MC-161, AND EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT WARNING TIME WOULD BE ADEQUATE, GIVEN ITS PROPER USE BY NATIONS, INDIVIDUALLY AND COLLECTIVELY.

12. SCHUNEMANN (FRG) STATED BONN BELIEF THAT IS DRAFT LANGUAGE (REF A) IS GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE. HE AGREED THAT MC-161 GIVES A GOOD BASIS FOR INTELLIGENCE WE CAN EXPECT, AND SUPPORTED US EMPHASIS ON PROPER USE OF

WARNING TIME. HE CAUTIONED, HOWEVER, AGAINST WISHFUL THINKING THAT LENGTHY WARNING WILL BE AVAILABLE, AND STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF PREPARING

IN PEACETIME FOR WORST CASE, WHICH IN BONN VIEW IS AN ATTACK WITH LITTLE OR NO WARNING. HE SUGGESTED MOVING IS DRAFT LANGUAGE ON PEACETIME COMBAT READINESS FROM PARA 23(B) TO THE WARNING OF WAR SECTION. LEGERE RESPONDED THAT WE MUST NOT NEGLECT OTHER CASES THROUGH WORST-CASE ANALYSIS, AND URGED CONSIDERATION OF LANGUAGE ON COMBAT READINESS IN LATER DISCUSSIONS DEALING WITH FORCE CHARACTERISTICS.

13. CARSTEN (NETHERLANDS) EXPRESSED SYMPATHY FOR THE PLANNING SCENARIOS IN THE US MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE PAPER, AND ASKED FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON HOW THEY WERE DEVELOPED. HE (AND OTHER REPS) FURTHER ASKED FOR NOTES FROM WHICH US REP SPOKE. LEGERE AGREED TO FURNISH NOTES.

14. LEINE (NORWAY) STATED NORWAY HAS NO DIFFICULTIES IN
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ACCEPTING IS DRAFT LANGUAGE ON WARNING TIME, PROVIDED IT CONFORMS WITH MC-161, BUT ASKED FOR MORE LANGUAGE ON POLITICAL WARNING ALONG THE LINES OF PARAGRAPH 24 OF US MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE PAPER.

15. BGEN MILLER (SHAPE) INTERVENED WITH A LENGTHY ANALYSIS OF THE WARNING TIME ISSUE, LAYING STRESS ON PREPARATION FOR AS OPPOSED TO WARNING OF WAR, AND THE NEED FOR TIMELY POLITICAL ACTION IN CRISIS SITUATIONS. HE ADVISED DRC MEMBERS AGAINST ATTEMPTING TO COMPRESS MC-161'S CONCLUSIONS ON WARNING TIME. HE STATED THAT IS DRAFT HAS GOOD DIRECTION, BUT MIGHT LEAD TO FALSE CONCLUSIONS ON THE AMOUNT OF WARNING TIME, SINCE MC-161 DOES NOT CONTAIN THE IS DRAFT'S CONCLUSION OF 9-13 DAYS OF WARNING FOR FULL PACT MOBILIZATION CASE. HE PRAISED IS DRAFT FOR ITS STATEMENT THAT INTELLIGENCE CANNOT PROVIDE EVIDENCE THAT A WP DECISION TO ATTACK HAS BEEN MADE, AND, BECAUSE INTELLIGENCE INDICATORS MAY NOT BE RECOGNIZED AT DECISION-MAKING LEVELS, RECOMMENDED THAT PLANNERS NOT REPEAT NOT MAKE AN ASSUMPTION THAT WARNING WILL BE AVAILABLE. IN ADDITION, HE STATED THAT THE US PAPER'S PLANNING SCENARIOS DISTURB HIM BECAUSE THEY CALL ATTENTION TO WP LOGISTIC

DIFFICULTIES WHICH ARE IN EFFECT MERELY TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS.

16. TOMMASINI (MC) HAD NO COMMENTS ON THE IS DRAFT ON WARNING TIME, AND ADVISED THAT, IF PLANNING SCENARIOS ARE INCLUDED IN MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE, MC WILL RENDER JUDGMENT AS TO WHETHER THEY ARE CONSONANT WITH MC-161.

17 SCHUNEMEANN (FRG) RETURNED TO SHAPE REP'S REMARKS ON LOGISTIC DIFFICULTIES, REFERRING TO RECENTLY REVISED INTELLIGENCE INPUT ON ALLEGED 800,000 INCREASE IN SOVIET GENERAL SUPPORT FORCES (REFTEL D), AND WONDERED WHETHER THIS MIGHT INFLUENCE SCENARIOS, SINCE NEED FOR SOVIET MOBILIZATION NOW SEEMS TO BE FAR LESS THAN PREVIOUSLY ESTIMATED. LEGERE RESPONDED, STRESSING FRAGMENTARY NATURE OF THIS INTELLIGENCE REPORT, AND CAUTIONED AGAINST ITS ACCEPTANCE FOR PLANNING

AT THIS TIME. LEGERE THEN AGREED WITH SHAPE REP'S CONCENTRATION ON PREPARATION TIME, STATING THAT INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE NATO PREPARATIONS BEGIN WHEN WP PREPARATIONS ARE PERCEIVED. LEGERE AGREED WITH IMPOSSIBILITY FOR INTELLIGENCE WARNING OF WP DECISION - AS OPPOSED TO CAPABILITY - TO ATTACK, BUT FELT IT UNNECESSARY TO LABOR THIS OBVIOUS IMPOSSIBILITY. LEGERE DISAGREED WITH SHAPE REP'S ADVICE TO AVOID COMPRESSING SECRET

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MC-161, STATING THAT EVEN THE SANCTITY OF NATO-AGREED INTELLIGENCE SHOULD NOT PREVENT MINISTERS FROM DISCUSSING SOMETHING SO FUNDAMENTAL AS WARNING OF WAR, SHOULD THEY SO CHOOSE.

18. CAPT. MAYO (SACLANT) AGREED WITH CONSENSUS THAT MC-161 SHOULD BE THE FOUNDATION OF MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE ON WARNING OF WAR, AND POINTED OUT THAT SACLANT IS ESPECIALLY CONCERNED WITH WARNING TIME DUE TO NEED FOR AN EARLY START ON RESUPPLY.

19. MACDONALD (UK) NOTED THE ARITHMETIC DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN THE IS DRAFT AND MC-161 ON LENGTH OF WARNING TIME (PARA 15 ABOVE), AND STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF USE OF WARNING TIME. HE URGED FOLLOW-THROUGH ON SECDEF DECEMBER 1973 SUGGESTION FOR STUDY ON USE OF WARNING TIME. HE ALSO WELCOMED US REMARKS AND STATED HIS DESIRE TO STUDY A WRITTEN VERSION.

20. SHEFFIELD (CANADA) STATED THAT MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE SHOULD MERELY ENDORSE MC-161 CONCLUSIONS ON WARNING TIME.

21. CHAIRMAN HUMPHREYS STATED THAT ORIGINAL INTENT OF IS DRAFT WAS TO DISTILL MC-161 TO MAKE IT RELEVANT TO MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE, BUT THAT MC-161 GIVES NO INFORMATION AS TO WHEN POLITICAL DECISION-MAKING WILL TAKE PLACE. OBJECT OF INCLUDING WARNING TIME AS A KEY ELEMENT IS FOR MINISTERS TO DISCUSS THIS, SO THAT NATO COULD IMPROVE PROCESSES FOR BETTER USE OF WARNING TIME, AS WELL AS LESSONS DRAWN FOR PRIORITIES AND RESOURCE ALLOCATION STEMMING FROM DIFFERING APPRECIATIONS OF AVAILABLE WARNING TIME. HE CONCLUDED THAT IS WILL PREPARE A REVISED DRAFT ON WARNING TIME

IN TIME FOR NEXT DRC CONSIDERATION OF ISSUE, AND ASKED FOR
LEGERE'S SPEAKING NOTES TO ASSIST IN DEVELOPING TEXT PENDING
ARRIVAL OF US PAPER'S PARAGRAPH 22 IN 10-14 DAYS.

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22. KEY ELEMENTS. ITALIAN REP, REP, REFERRING TO PROVISIONAL LIST
OF KEY ELEMENTS IN PARA II-3-(C) OF DRC/DS(74)23 (POUCHED),
ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HIS AUTHORITIES WERE SOMEWHAT LATE IN FOCUSING
ON KEY ELEMENTS AND SAID THAT A CAREFUL REVIEW OF THE US DIS-
CUSSION PAPER REVEALED 10 KEY ELEMENTS AS CONTRASTED WITH 4
KEY ELEMENTS CITED IN SECRETARY SCHLESINGER'S REMARKS PRESENTED
FOR THE RECORD AT JUNE MINISTERIAL MEETING. 10 KEY ELEMENTS
FOLLOW:

A) CONVENTIONAL BALANCE OVER A RANGE OF SCANARIOS (INCLUDING
WARNING TIME).

B) INCLUSION OF GUIDANCE FOR SUPPORT PROGRAMS (STARTING IN
1975, GUIDANCE SHOULD APPLY NOT MERELY TO FORCE PLANNING BUT
ALSO TO SUPPORT PROGRAMS).

C) INTEGRATION IN FIELD OF LOGISTICS (REVIEW OF CONCEPT THAT
LOGISTICS IS PURELY A NATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY).

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D) REGIONAL APPROACH TO FLEXIBILITY, PRIORITIES, ETC.

(REVIEW OF THREAT ASSESSMENTS FOR EACH REGION).

E) ESTABLISHMENT OF REALISTIC FORCE PROPOSALS BY MNCS(CLOSELY LINKED TO RESOURCES).

F) ACCEPTABILITY OF A CERTAIN INTERDEPENDENCE AMONG ALLIES FOR APPLICATION OF RATIONALIZATION/SPECIALIZATION (R/S), STANDARIZATION, FLEXIBILITY (STRESS NEED FOR INTERDEPENDENCE BECAUSE ECONOMIC RESOURCES ARE LACKING).

G) TAKE INTO ACCOUNT ALL NATIONAL FORCES IN PLANNING.

H) DEFINITION OF ECONOMIC RESOURCES ON BASIS OF A COMMON FORMULA.

I) THREAT TO NATO FROM DEVELOPMENTS IN NON-NATO AREAS.

J) RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE AND SPRING 1975 AD-70 REPORT (DO AWAY WITH DUPLICATION IN DRC/EWG EFFORT). REGARDING QUESTION OF DRC/EWG DUPLICATION, US REP SAID DRC TASK OF PREPARING DRAFT MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE REQUIRES THAT IT CONSIDER IMPORTANT EFFICIENCY ISSUES SUCH AS R/S, ETC., REGARDLESS OF JURISDICTIONAL DIVISIONS BETWEEN DRC AND EWG.

23. ITALIAN REP SAID HIS AUTHORITIES BELIEVED KEY ELEMENTS ARE NOT SIMPLY CHAPTER HEADINGS, BUT ARE TOPICS APPROPRIATE FOR DRC DISCUSSION OF BASIC CONCEPTS/PHILOSOPHIES. THUS DRC DISCUSSION SHOULD SET THE STAGE FOR AN EXCHANGE OF MINISTERIAL VIEWS IN DECEMBER AND FOR MINISTERIAL DIRECTIVES TOWARD ESTABLISHING SPRING 1975 MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE. ITALIAN REP SAID MINISTERS DID NOT HAVE TO DISCUSS ALL 10 ELEMENTS, BUT DRC SHOULD. IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST FROM CHAIRMAN, ITALAIN REP AGREED TO CIRCULATE HIS 10 ELEMENT LIST. DANISH REP ASKED ITALIAN REP TO INDICATE PRECISE AIM OF HIS 10 ELEMENT LIST. ITALIAN REP SAID DRC SHOULD ADRESS EVOLUTION OF A PAPER THAT ONCE DEALT WITH FORCE PLANNING GUIDANCE FOR A SIX YEAR PERIOD INTO ONE THAT DEALS WITH NOW IDEAS AND UPDATES OBSOLETE CONCEPTS. HE EMPAHSIZED DRC HAS NOT ADEQUATELY FOCUSED ON DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PAST MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE AND NEW US APPROACH. FOR EXAMPLE, DRC SHOULD DEBATE AND RECOGNIZE FULL IMPLICATION OF GUIDANCE BEING FOR DEFENSE
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PLANNING AS A WHOLE INCLUDING SUPPORT PROGRAMS SUCH AS INFRA-STRUCTURE (RATHER THAN JUST FORCE PLANNING), COMMON LOGISTICS CONCEPT, AND INTERDEPENDENCE REQUIRED BY R/S.

24. NEXT MEETING. CHAIRMAN SCHEDULED NEXT MEETING FOR OCTOBER 22 TO DISCUSS "DURATION OF HOSTILITIES" AND ADDITIONAL KEY ELEMENTS, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO ITALIAN LIST.

25. ANY OTHER BUSINESS. CHAIRMAN NOTED THAT CONSORTIUM OF 4 COUNTRIES SEEKING REPLACEMENT FOR THEIR PRESENT TACTICAL

AIRCRAFT HAS VISITED ONE COUNTRY OUTSIDE OF THE ALLIANCE, ONE INSIDE THE ALLIANCE AND ONE INSIDE THE ALLIANCE BUT NOT PARTICIPATING IN THE INTEGRATED MILITARY STRUCTURE. WHILE IMPLYING LACK OF CONSULTATION WITH NATO, CHAIRMAN ALSO NOTED PRESS REPORTS THAT COUNTRIES SEEKING REPLACEMENT ARE DISCUSSING ALTERING THE AIRCRAFT ROLES, PARTICULARLY THE NUCLEAR STRIKE ROLE. HE STRESSED THAT DECISION TO ALTER ROLE IS NOT A UNILATERAL OR EVEN A QUADRILATERAL DECISION, BUT ONE THAT REQUIRES CLOSE CONSULTATION WITH NATO. NORWEGIAN REP SAID EUROGROUP CHAIRMAN FOSTERVOLL WILL DISCUSS STATUS OF REPLACEMENT PROGRAM WITH DPC ON DECEMBER 10; HE ADDED THAT CONSORTIUM COUNTRIES (NOT NATO) WILL MAKE THE REPLACEMENT DECISION IN CONSULTATION WITH NATO. IN CONCLUDING, CHAIRMAN CITED EXTREMELY COURAGEOUS ACTION OF PRESIDENT FORD IN RESISTING STRONG CONGRSSIONAL PRESSURES TO CUT OFF AID TO TURKEY AND PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS THAT AN AID CUT-OFF WOULD ADVERSELY AFFECT THE ALLIANCE. RUMSFELD

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